

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's willingness to conduct an interview with the Applicants' representative on June 9, 2008.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claims 2-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application. Thus, claim 1 is currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Newell, U.S. Patent No. 5,651,064 (hereinafter, "Newell") in view of Downs et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,574,609 (hereinafter, "Downs"). It is noted that claims 2-6 have been canceled, and claim 1 has been amended. To the extent that the rejection remains applicable to the claim currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejection, as follows.

Claim 1 has been amended in similarly to as suggested by the Examiner in the aforementioned interview. Thus, the Applicant's submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentably distinct over the applied art of record and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

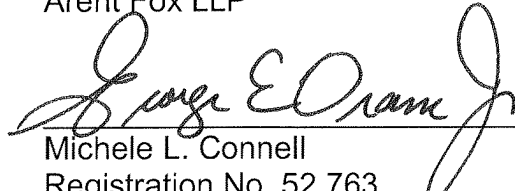
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing client matter number 107156-00031.

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